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SOURCE

1. On 27 September 1951, source observed a convoy of 14 trucks carrying about 300 troops with field equipment and towing eight model 1938 122-mm artillery pieces leaving the Hindenburg Kaserne in [REDACTED]. Nine of the trucks were

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on Am Arnimer Damm about 7 p.m.. (1) Eight SU-100 SP guns left the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne about the same time, driving toward the training area on Am Arnimer Damm. (2) A briefing held in the officers quarters on Liebknechtstrasse at 4 p.m. on 29 September was attended by about 80 officers. Two generals arrived in sedan

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One general had two stars.

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- 25X1C Soviet troops were seen engaged in exercises in the area of Uenglingen, Schernikau and Steinfeld on 2 October. Telephone sections strung lines from the Hindenburg Kaserne toward Schernikau via Uenglingen. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and six trucks carrying troops and towing

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mm artillery pieces were seen between Uenglingen and Schernikau. [REDACTED] The road to Steinfeld was rutted by tank tracks. Local residents said that exercises were frequently held in the woods south of Steinfeld.

3. In the evening of 30 September, a convoy of 20 trucks towing 6 x 76.2-mm artillery pieces and another convoy of 10 trucks towing 4 x 76.2-mm artillery pieces were seen driving toward Uenglinger Tor. [REDACTED]

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Sixteen groups of 40 to 45 soldiers each marched into the Tauentzien Kaserne at about 6 p.m. on 6 October, coming from Uenglinger Strasse. The unit was headed by five field-grade officers, a military band and a furled flag. The soldiers of 15 groups wore crimson epaulets, including some with artillery and signal insignia, and the soldiers of the last group red-bordered black epaulets with

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Comments.

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- (1) [REDACTED] the artillery pieces belong to the 207th Mtz Rifle Div and, thus, to the 693d How Arty Regt which is carried in Stendal. Information obtained in the course of 1951 tends to indicate that units of the regiment are stationed in the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne and at Borstel airfield.
- (2) The information confirms the quartering in the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne of elements of the 16th (?) Tank Regt of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. See [REDACTED]
- (3) The house referred to as officers' quarters was previously reported as an officers' club. The general with two stars is a lieutenant general.

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- (4) [REDACTED] briefing belong to headquarters units of the Third Shock Army and the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps, and to the 207th Mtz Rifle Div and the Hq GORP. [REDACTED] the exercises west of Stendal were conducted by units quartered in Stendal. The convoy observed on 30 September 1951 probably was returning from these exercises.
- (5) According to several reports indicating that infantry troops are quartered in the Taunzien Kaserne, it is believed that a motorized rifle regiment of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div is quartered there. [REDACTED]

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